

## *Steve Westly California State Controller*



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### ***State Controller Steve Westly Honors Local Teacher With The Lottery's Exceptional Educator Award***

**Sacramento, November 21, 2003** – State Controller Steve Westly will present California Teacher of the Year and devoted kindergarten teacher Connie Baumgardt Blackburn with the State Lottery's Exceptional Educator Award during the Lottery's Big Spin Show® on Saturday, November 22, 2003.

"As a father of two young children who will soon enter kindergarten, presenting Connie with this recognition is both a personal and professional honor," said Controller Westly. "I hope that my children have teachers of Blackburn's caliber."

The Exceptional Educator Award is being presented to Ms. Baumgardt Blackburn for her outstanding efforts and contributions in providing her students with a quality education.

Connie Baumgardt Blackburn is one of five teachers selected as California's Teachers of the Year 2003 by the California Department of Education. Connie has been a kindergarten teacher at Central Elementary School in Escondido for the past 17 years, making an enormous impact on the development of her students. Connie also provides extra support to students and parents beyond regular school hours, by tutoring students one-on-one and creating learning packets to help empower parents to assist their children at home.

"Connie's dedication sets an example for every Californian working to help our children reach their full potential," said Westly. "Connie's enthusiasm and commitment will help foster a new generation of Californians even greater than today's."

The mission of the Exceptional Educator Award Program is to publicly recognize outstanding teachers whose extraordinary efforts make significant contributions to the success of California students. For more information on the Lottery's Exceptional Educator Award Program, please visit the California State Lottery's Web site at [www.calottery.com](http://www.calottery.com).

To view a clip of the presentation, please visit the [Exceptional Educator Award video](#).

***List of Stations Airing the Educator Award Program Follows***

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### **Lottery TV Stations**

#### **Bakersfield**

##### **KERO TV - Channel 23 (ABC)**

The Big Spin® (Sat. 6:30 p.m.)  
SuperLotto Plus™ (Wed. & Sat. 7:57 p.m.)  
Daily Draws (Mon. - Sun. 7:00 p.m.)

#### **El Centro/Yuma**

##### **KYMA TV - Channel 11 (NBC)**

The Big Spin® (Sat. 6:00 p.m.)  
SuperLotto Plus (Wed. & Sat. 10:00 p.m.)  
Daily Draws (Mon. - Sun. 10:00 p.m.)

#### **Fresno**

##### **KSEE TV - Channel 24 (NBC)**

The Big Spin® (Sat. 6:30 p.m.)  
SuperLotto Plus (Wed. & Sat. 7:57 p.m.)  
Daily Draws (Mon. - Sun. 6:59 p.m.)

#### **Monterey/Salinas**

##### **KSBW TV - Channel 8 (NBC)**

The Big Spin® (Sat. 5:00 p.m.)  
SuperLotto Plus (Wed. & Sat. 7:57 p.m.)  
Daily Draws (Mon. - Fri. 6:57 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 6:59 p.m.)

#### **Palm Springs/Palm Desert**

##### **Time Warner, Media One, Daniels (Cable) KCAL TV, Ch. 9**

The Big Spin® (Sat. 7:00 p.m.)  
SuperLotto Plus (Wed. & Sat. 7:57 p.m.)  
Daily Draws (Mon. - Sun. 6:59 p.m.)

#### **San Francisco**

##### **KPIX - Channel 5 (CBS)**

The Big Spin® (Sat. 7 p.m.)  
SuperLotto Plus (Wed. & Sat. 7:57 p.m.)  
Daily Draws (Mon. - Sun. 6:59 p.m.)

#### **Chico/Redding**

##### **KRVU TV - Channel 21 (UPN)**

The Big Spin® (Sat. 7:30 p.m.)  
SuperLotto Plus (Wed. & Sat. - 7:57 p.m.)  
Daily Draws (Mon. - Sun. 6:59 p.m.)

#### **Eureka/Arcata**

##### **KIEM TV - Channel 3 (NBC)**

The Big Spin® (Sat. 5:30 p.m.)  
SuperLotto Plus (Wed. & Sat. - 7:59 p.m.)  
Daily Draws (Mon. - Sun. 6:59 p.m.)

#### **Los Angeles**

##### **KCAL TV - Channel 9 (IND)**

The Big Spin® (Sat. 7:00 p.m.)  
SuperLotto Plus (Wed. & Sat. 7:57 p.m.)  
Daily Draws (Mon. - Sun. 6:59 p.m.)

#### **Sacramento/Stockton/Modesto**

##### **KCRA - Channel 3 (NBC)**

##### **KQCA - Channel 58 (WB)**

The Big Spin® (Sat. 5:00 p.m.) KQCA  
SuperLotto Plus (Wed. & Sat. 7:59 p.m.) KQCA  
Daily Draws (Mon. - Sun. 6:58 p.m.) KCRA

#### **San Diego**

##### **XUPN TV - Channel 13/49 (UPN)**

The Big Spin® (Sat. 7:30 p.m.)  
SuperLotto Plus (Wed. & Sat. 7:57 p.m.)  
Daily Draws (Mon. - Sun. 6:57 p.m.)

#### **Santa Barbara/San Luis Obispo/Santa Maria**

##### **KSBY TV - Channel 6 (NBC)**

The Big Spin® (Sat. 5:00 p.m.)  
SuperLotto Plus (Wed. & Sat. 7:57 p.m.)  
Daily Draws (Mon. - Sun. 6:59 p.m.)